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For: MODIFIED CHITOSAN POLYMERS AND  
ENZYMATIC METHODS FOR THE  
PRODUCTION THEREOF

Attorney Docket No.: 8399-007-999

**RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 22, 2002, please consider and enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-captioned application. A Petition for Extension of Time with provision for the required fee is submitted herewith.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please add the Abstract submitted concurrently herewith.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

AA After the title, please insert the following: --This application is the U.S. national stage of international application no. PCT/US99/19106, filed August 20, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. provisional patent application No. 60/097,709, filed August 21, 1998. Both applications are incorporated herein by reference.--